

ATHLETICS

THIS BASKETBALL TEAM HAS GOOD RECORD



BASKETBALL TEAM OF BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.

The Bloomington (Ill.) High School girls team has completed its season and now boasts of the remarkable record of having won eighteen out of the nineteen games played.

Many strong teams have been encountered during the season and only the last game played by the Bloomington girls enabled them to come out best against their opponents.

The single defeat was at the hands of the strong team representing the State Normal University and in the gymnasium of the latter. When the university girls played a return match at Bloomington, they were easily defeated by the Bloomington team.

The strong team at Stanford was defeated twice, while the total number of points scored by the successful team in the nineteen games played was 738, against 112 by their opponents.

The remarkable showing has just entitled them to the claim of Central Illinois championship.

They have been coached by Professor Royal Sanders of the High School faculty. Miss Evelyn Hollingsworth is the captain. While the other members of the team are Miss Margaret Lackland, Camilla Ringhouse, Zenith Myers, Mattie La Barr, Clara Rodgers and Ella Kitzpatrick.

TRAINERS AT CHURCHILL DOWNS ROUNDING STRINGS INTO SHAPE

Kurtzman is Being Prepared for Sprints, His Trainer Believing That He Is Possibly Not Partial to the Distance Routes—Tucker Favors Tokalon in the Montgomery Handicap.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Louisville, Ky., March 25.—Trainers at Churchill Downs are getting down to real business, and the clockers and railbirds are beginning to take note of the performances in order that the bookmakers may lay the proper odds.

There is a speedy lot of youngsters in training at the track, but it is yet too early for any of them to "let out" for more than a fraction of the circuit. Now and then one is allowed to do his best for an eighth or a quarter, and is held up the rest of the way.

W. A. Smith's horses look to be in splendid shape. He has his full stable out regularly and is fast bringing them around. Eganhofer was sent three-eighths in 32, and his 2-year-olds did quarters around 28. All the 2-year-olds in George Louisa stable showed serviceable work. The Bob Miles colt was sent three-eighths of a mile in 41, while another promising youngster by Doctor Rice negotiated the same distance in practically the same time.

Billy Phillips breezed all of the horses in the Cook string, but the work was light and Phillips was evidently tightening them up for stiffer work next week. English, Last, Kurtzman and others were only cantered. Press West also tightened up the horses of the Lowman & Doerhoefer string, some of the fillies doing a quarter in 29, while two of them, with 15 pounds up, did impressive work in 34. They are stake entries.

The best work, probably, was done by Golden Rule, Big Ben and New Moon. They, whom "Boots" Dunnell sent for a speedy half mile through the back stretch, followed worked Raulsbury, the Derby colt, and others of Ed Alvey's string, while Carroll Reed had out The Picket, Jason, Lobe and the 2-year-olds of the Middleton & Jauchthaus stable.

GOLDEN RULE AT LIVELY CLIP.

Golden Rule is being worked at a lively clip and even at this early time of the season has been sent six furlongs. The best that he has done as yet is 1:25, but he has always pulled up full of running.

WOMAN'S DRESS HER TRUNK.

Police Matron's Search Reveals Store of Apparel and Money.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

New York, March 25.—Mrs. Annie Devine of No. 105 Fifth street, a well-known prisoner at the Adams Street Police Station in Brooklyn, is the most remarkable example of walking haberdashery, department store and savings bank the police have dealt with in a long time.

When Mrs. Devine was searched by the matron at the police station she found 200 old socks and stockings piled to her underarms, and even at this early time of the season has been sent six furlongs. The best that he has done as yet is 1:25, but he has always pulled up full of running.

SPECTER TAKES TO A WELL.

Leaves House When Neighbors Plan an Investigation.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

St. Louis, Mo., March 25.—Many of the residents of Belmont Township, St. Louis County, are inclined to be terrified by an alleged ghost. Members of the Hoedler family were the first to report the specter. Several weeks ago they declared that every night about midnight they heard sounds as if a log chain was being dragged over the floor of an upstairs room. They were too frightened to go up and make an investigation.

A posse of neighbors visited the Hoedler domain at night, but the spook would not manifest itself to them.

Now, according to late reports, the ghost has abandoned the shelter of the Hoedlers and taken up its abode in an old well on a farm, which is as desolate a place as any ghost could wish for. It is related that John Johnson, eldest son of Dr. Johnson, a prominent farmer, was driving across the farm late, near Pleasant Creek, he was greatly frightened by the sudden appearance of the ghost, which walked along the road just ahead of him, and he suddenly disappeared in an old abandoned well near the roadside.

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RAILING

TOO MUCH POWER FOR ONE MAN



Western Golfers Argue Against the Self-Perpetuating Policy of Ruling Body—Association Strengthening Its Forces.

Western golfers, to whom the United States Golf Association and its methods are apparently a source of intermittent irritation, have given credence to another so-called argument against the self-perpetuating policy of the ruling body, if rumors are to be believed.

Under present conditions, as is pointed out, the president of the association, if he saw fit, could easily continue himself and his friends in office indefinitely through the Nominating Committee. Of course, it is admitted, no such thing has ever been done, but it could be, it is claimed, because the appointment of the committee to make up the state is vested solely in the president.

This, they say, is giving one man entirely too much power. Some of the suggestions which Western golfers have been making for the last few years commend themselves to Eastern players, and there is always healthful result from discussion, but this particular contention seems silly, in view of the action taken at the last annual meeting to put beyond the bounds of possibility just what the Westerners seem so ready to fear.

In the light of the association's past history it seems absurd to imagine a dictator at the head of affairs, and the half-baked argument that such a thing confronts the members falls to the ground when it is remembered that an amendment to the constitution was offered last month for adoption at the next annual meeting, in January, 1926, whereby the appointment of the committee to make up the state is vested in the Executive Committee, and not in the hands of the president.

No change in the constitution can be made until that time, so that the Western side of the association is face to face with the fearful possibility that Ransom H. Thomas may arrange to have himself re-nominated for the presidency. There are a good many players, both East and West, who would be well satisfied if Mr. Thomas consented to accept the office again, and the association will rejoice in two years of admirable management. The Western association is steadily strengthening its fences and widening its territory, and its recognition by the parent body has, as a rule, been cordial and sincere. There appears to be no real ground for the feeling that its claims will not receive adequate consideration from those at the head of the national body.

GOLF HANDICAPS.

Leighton Calkins, chairman of the Metropolitan Golf Association Handicap Committee, said recently that so many clubs have signified their intention to adopt an official handicap table as outlined by the committee that it had been decided to require all clubs in the association to follow this plan. In consequence, if any club fails to report its handicaps as called for by the committee, the table for that club will be revised, as required by the new system.

Mr. Calkins added that club secretaries could save the committee a great deal of work by adopting the new system in the first instance. In explanation of this system, he said:

The principal feature of it is that not only is the good player handicapped because he is a good player, but the bad player is also handicapped because he is a bad player. The reason is this: The object of handicapping is to put all players on the same level, and if an allowance is made for a certain number of strokes to be made to the less skillful player because he cannot play as well, some allowance ought to be made to the more skillful player because he cannot improve as much.

The usual method of simply taking the exact difference between the "par" and the average of a player's three best scores takes into consideration only the advantage held by the good player—namely, his superior skill. It overlooks the advantage held by the bad player—namely, a greater possibility of improvement. Theoretically, a club handicap list should be made up at each player

DIRECT'S DEATH MARKS THE END OF WELL-KNOWN HARNESS PERFORMER

Once Champion Pacing King Drops Suddenly Dead at the East View Farm—His Denial Follows Close Upon That of Robert J.—Direct Had Sired Many Speedy Harness Horses.

Direct, 2564, the ex-champion pacing king, and sensational sire of Grand Circuit winners, dropped dead at East View Farm, the property of James Butler, a week or so ago. The stallion had been in his usual rugged health up to the time of his death, and had been jogged in the morning as is customary. The cause of death was rupture of the heart, as was discovered from a post-mortem examination.

Direct was foaled in 1895, at Pleasanton, Cal., and bred by Monroe Salisbury, who always maintained he was the stoutest hearted and greatest "little horse" in the world. At 2 years Direct was a winner, taking a trotting record of 2:23, which he reduced to 2:18 at 4 years. He won as a trotter about \$7,500 in stakes and purses. At 6 years Direct became famous as a pacer, lowering the world's record to 2:06, giving many sensational exhibitions, and on the fastest horses of his day, including Hal Pointer, 2945, and Massey, 2994. Direct's second heat of 2:06 is still the world's high-wheel sulky record. Subsequently Direct lowered his mark to 2:02. He won about \$11,000 in his racing days.

Today Direct's fame rests on his success as a sensational sire of extreme speed. He is the sire of Direct, 2564, until the world's champion 2-year-old pacer; Direct Hal, 2944, unbeaten in 1909 and recently sold at auction for \$11,500; Bonnie Direct, 2954; King Direct, 2954; Prince Direct, 2954; holder of the champion team record; Directum Kelly, 2954, 4-year-old unbeaten trotter of 1899; Direct Nix, 2954; Tebbie Direct, 2954; Rex Direct, 2954, and many other well-known winners. Sixty of his get are credited with standard records, twenty-one, or over one-third, below 2:15, and two-thirds with 2:20 records or better, all earned in races. The game "do or die" qualities of the family are familiar to all horsemen. No other trotting-bred stallion year for year has won more records average as fast as those by Direct. His get are noted for their campaigning capacity—beyond that of any other winning family.

DEATH A GREAT LOSS.

The death of Direct is a distinct loss to the breeding interests of America, although East View Farm is well fortified with his blood. Mr. Butler owns several of his famous sons, notably Directum Kelly, 40, 2954; King Direct, 2954; Direct View, 2954, and Direct Well, a trotter of extreme speed, though without a record as yet.

It is difficult to estimate the value of a stallion like Direct. Conservative horsemen place it at \$25,000, although this sum would not, it is claimed, have induced his owner to part with him. At the recent dispersal of Village Farm—the most valuable trotting stud then existing—the two highest-priced horses sold were a son and grandson of Direct. His paternal half-brother, Directum, 2954, was the highest priced at the Sier dispersal, another famous stud. Next to Lord Dillon, when he was his granddaughter, Royal, a 3-year-old green filly with wonderful speed. Direct, sire of Direct, at the age of 16 or 17 years sold privately for \$50,000, during the boom in trotters, and long before the boom when the trotters were worth much less than they are now. Direct's grand sire of Direct, sold in his twentieth year for \$25,000, and earned his purchaser a handsome profit over and above his cost. Light harness horses are worth double what they were twenty-two years ago, when Director sold for \$25,000. On this basis \$50,000 is a reasonable valuation for Direct, although an allowance on this must be made owing to his tendency to sire only pacers.

BAN ON HOPPLES.

In a recent interview Secretary Horace Wilson of the Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association stated that that association was considering the advisability of removing the ban on hopples. The Kentucky Horse Breeders' Association, commenting on this proposed step, says:

"With such a past to its credit it is scarcely possible that Lexington sees fit to withdraw this ruling, which it alone has lived up to, the charge can be made against the local association of taking such action simply from a desire to make more money. The methods of the men who control the local track are too well known to justify the slightest extent such charge. We believe public sentiment demands that Lexington lift the ban on hopples, and we believe that such action will in no way be a step backward or a sign of retrogression from any high standard previously taken, but will simply be a recognition of changed conditions which make necessary changed rulings, and which tend to keep the affairs and conduct of the local association upon the plane of most progressive management conducive to the best results in the future."

It is, however, hardly fair to ask the

MOURNED AS DEAD.

NOW HE'S A BENEDICT.

Nicholsman Van, for Whom Monument Was Erected, Taken Rude, and Will Live at Cripple Creek.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Dundee, Mich., March 25.—Harry F. Lombard has married Miss Ada Wheelock and is visiting his mother, near Willis. He will soon go to the Cripple Creek mine to work and will make his home there.

Harry F. Lombard was a favorite grandson of the late L. V. Peabody of this place. He was living in Enumclaw, Wash., five years ago, when he was reported missing. He was not heard from and later was reported dead. A few months ago he came home to his mother, stating he had been in Australia, working all these years.

Harry was mourned as dead by his parents, as the authorities and his brother Masons could find out nothing about him and no clear whatever was obtained. It was supposed he was murdered. A tombstone was erected by his mother on the family burial lot in his memory.

DRAWN BY LONE SALMON.

Angler Nearly Killed by Entanglement of Line.

Colusa, Cal., March 25.—Joseph E. Rich of Ladoga, in Western Colusa County, came near drowning in the waters of Stony Creek. A big salmon was the cause of the accident.

He was spearing fish with a party of friends, and, desiring better sport, crawled out on the limb of an overhanging tree. Luck came his way faster than he had bargained for. His first victim was a gigantic salmon, and it did not take kindly to the spear in its body. Instead of yielding up the ghost it started off with such fury and suddenness that the man in the tree was carried to the water.

He fell into the water with a great splash and was being towed downstream at a lively clip when he managed to break the line attached to the spear. But even then his troubles were not over, and he had his friends not far off, when he was caught by the line and nearly drowned.

ASKS COURT TO MAKE NAME EASIER OF PRONUNCIATION.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

San Francisco, March 25.—William Frederick Lititz does not like his surname. He has asked the Superior Court of Alameda County to deprive him of it and to make him known to the world as William Frederick Will. Evidently the very familiar Christian name William, with the variations Will, Willie, Bill and Billy, has the petitioner's entire approval.

Mr. Lititz says that his old family name has been too difficult of pronunciation. Anybody, everybody can say Will, and many persons can spell it; but that common Lititz, the gentleman thinks he is justified in making a change and he says that his four brothers and two sisters, all Lititzes by birth, agree with him that he ought to call himself something else.

Whether it shall be William Frederick Will, not William Frederick Lititz, or William Frederick Will, is to be determined by the court.

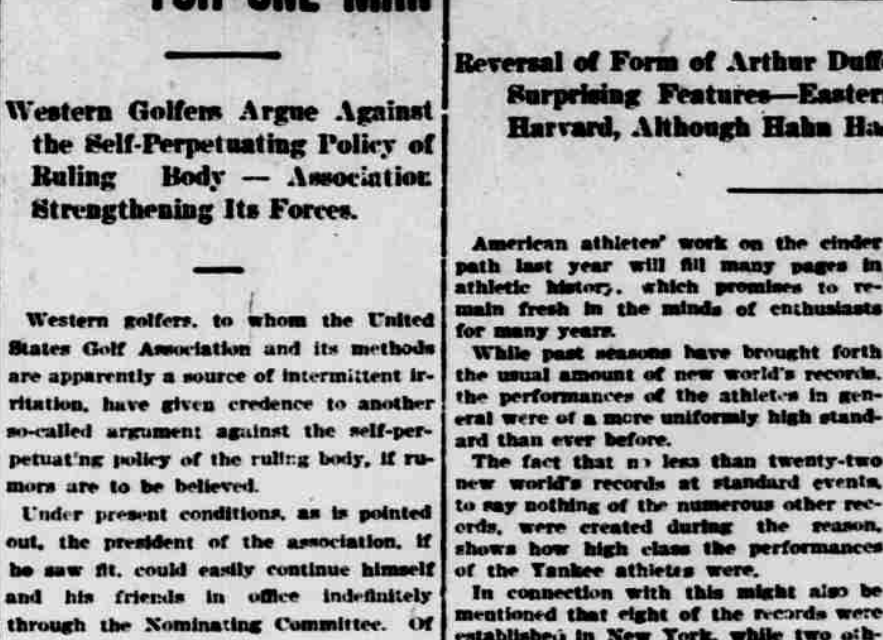
Cramps Kill a Swimmer.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Los Angeles, March 25.—While playing tag in the East Lake Park sulphur baths with several other young men, David Shafer of No. 34 Delany street, Pasadena, was seized with a fit and sank to the bottom of the tank. The body was recovered.

HARNESS

REVERSAL OF FORM OF ARTHUR DUFFEY ON THE CINDER PATH ONE OF THE SURPRISING FEATURES—EASTERN MEN CLAIM HONORS FOR SHICK OF HARVARD, ALTHOUGH HAHN HAS A LOOK-IN.



Reversal of Form of Arthur Duffey on the Cinder Path One of the Surprising Features—Eastern Men Claim Honors for Shick of Harvard, Although Hahn Has a Look-In.

American athletes' work on the cinder path last year will fill many pages in athletic history, which promises to remain fresh in the minds of enthusiasts for many years.

While past seasons have brought forth the usual amount of new world's records, the performances of the athletes in general were of a more uniformly high standard than ever before.

The fact that no less than twenty-two new world's records at standard events, to say nothing of the numerous other records, were created during the season, shows how high class the performances of the Yankee athletes were.

In connection with this might also be mentioned that eight of the records were established in New York, while two others created out of Gotham are credited to New York representatives.

This speaks well of the prowess of the metropolitan athlete and the management and training methods at all large athletic clubs in the metropolitan district.

The reversal of form shown by Duffey, holder of the 100 yards' record of 2:25 seconds, in defending his title in the English and American intercollegiate championships, was one of the surprising features of the season.

The American lost his title to J. W. Morton of the South London Harriers in the English event, after holding it for two years.

In beating Duffey, Morton won in even time, but later on he showed his ability by going the distance in 2:45 seconds, which shares the English record with Duffey.

The latter qualified for the final at the intercollegiate, but did not compete, offering as an excuse poor condition. Early in the year Duffey competed for the sixty yards A. A. U. championship at Madison Square Garden, but was defeated by D. T. Torrey of Yale. The Eli athlete was never again able to duplicate his performance.

DUFFEY'S BEST FORM.

At Washington, on February 21, Duffey displayed his best form when he reduced the world's figures for fifty yards, going in the distance in 20.25, which reduced the mark 3/8, made by L. E. Myers, on December 12, 1904.

The Georgetown flyer, however, will have to share the new record with Victor S. Rice of Chicago, who covered the distance on the night before in Chicago in the same time.

But it might be said in justice to Duffey that he covered the distance from two feet behind the starting mark in the final heat, as he was penalized for a false start. W. S. Shick of Harvard and Archie Hahn of Michigan share honors in the short distance sprints. Eastern college men and athletes base the reclaim for the crimson man from the fact that he won the victory in the dual games with Oxford and Cambridge, when he equaled Duffey's English record of 20.45.

Shick's friends also claim that his win of the sprint in the intercollegiate also entitles him to the honors of the sprinter. The Harvard man ran second to Duffey when the latter created the present figures for the hundred and performed consistently through the year, winning among many other races the 100 yards dash in the dual meet with Oxford-Cambridge and the same event in the dual games with Yale.

Hahn is to be entitled to much, if not most of the sprinting honors, as he won the dashes in the great Olympic games and also figured prominently in A. A. U. championships.

The diminutive sprinter from the North has been training all winter, most of the time on the ice, and has created new and equaled many world's marks on the road.

THE "CURE" WORSE THAN THE DISEASE

Even if Mercury and Potash could cure Contagious Blood Poison, the condition in which these strong minerals leave the system would make the cure worse than the disease. But they cannot cure the vile disorder; they can only cover up the evidences for awhile, or mask the disease in the system, and as soon as they are left off the symptoms return in all their hideousness, and the sufferer finds he has wasted valuable time, and in addition has ruined his health through the use of these harmful drugs.

Mercury and Potash eat out the lining of the stomach and bowels, produce dyspepsia by drying up the gastric juices, affect the bones and muscles, cause the teeth to decay, make spongy gums, and completely break down the constitution. In most cases after dosing with these minerals for months, and sometimes years, the patient finds he is left with Mercurial Rheumatism, the worst and most abhorrent form of this disease, and the Contagious Blood Poison for which he has so long taken this destructive treatment, has not been cured. Mercurial wrecks all over the country, whose lives are lives of misery and suffering, with no hope for future health, are best witnesses that "THE CURE IS WORSE THAN THE DISEASE."

No other disease is so vile and destructive as Contagious Blood Poison. When the virus enters the blood the entire circulation becomes poisoned, and in a short time the symptoms begin to appear. The mouth and throat ulcerate, the hair and eyebrows fall out, the glands in the neck and groin swell, copper-colored spots appear on the flesh, and in severe cases sores break out on the body, the finger nails drop off, and the sufferer finds himself diseased from head to foot with the most hateful and humiliating of all poisons.

Being in this diseased condition, the system should not be dosed with powerful mineral medicines that further add to the burden, but should be treated with a remedy that while removing the poison will at the same time build up and strengthen the entire body in its fight to regain health. S. S. S. is the only known antidote for Contagious Blood Poison—the only remedy that is able to get at the root of the disease and force out every particle of the poison so that there are never any signs of its return. It is purely vegetable, being made entirely from roots, herbs and barks, and never leaves any bad after-effects, but instead, tones up the stomach and digestion, and builds up every part of the system while it is eradicating the poison from the blood.

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